



OPPOSE THE NCDOT 15TH STREET WIDENING PROJECT

SIGN THE PETITION TO SUPPORT A MORE COMMUNITY-MINDED SOLUTION

We, the undersigned residents, business owners, and community members of Beaufort County, NC, **oppose NCDOT's current plan to widen 15th Street**, which includes a **17' 6" concrete median**.

By signing this petition, we express our **opposition to**:

- The installation of a median that **eliminates left-hand turns** into businesses, residences, and adjacent neighborhoods;
- The significant **loss of property** faced by homeowners and small business owners due to **right-of-way acquisition**;
- A design that prioritizes vehicle throughput over the **livability, safety, and economic vitality** of our community.

We instead voice our support for a **safer, smarter, community-centered alternative** that:

- Incorporates **Complete Streets** elements like sidewalks, marked crosswalks, and a **multi-use path** for pedestrians and cyclists;
- Adopts a **road diet** approach that calms traffic, **reduces speeding**, and **lowers fatality risks**;
- Implements **limited medians to maintain access** to businesses, residents and adjacent neighborhoods;
- **Preserves property** by staying within the existing right-of-way while enhancing safety and accessibility for all users of the corridor;
- Promotes a **look and feel that aligns with our community's goals** for a **likeable, livable corridor** by preserving trees and incorporating landscaping features.

We urge **City Leadership, NCDOT, and the Mid-East Rural Planning Organization** to **reject the current design** and **rescope the project** in closer alignment with the **Stantec plan previously funded and approved by the City of Washington**.

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